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Teacher rehires highlight Elba Board of Education meeting held Tuesday night, April 19

The Elba Board of Education met Tuesday evening, April 19, for the board's regular monthly meeting, and personnel matters highlighted the meeting.

Upon the recommendation of principal Wynn Grimes and superintendent Chris Moseley, the board approved the rehire of 16 employees for Elba High School for the 2022-2023 school year. Receiving the rehire nod were teachers Anna Danford, Ronald Floyd, Marc Sieving, Austin Johnson [tenure year], Madison Johnson, Shelia Johnson, David Keel, Jesse Luker, Melissa Mularz, Kelsey Prestwood, Zach Spann, Alyssa Spicer, Stephanie Wright, Amanda Zorn, and Melissa Johnson. Also, Kaye Whitworth, high school secretary, was approved for rehire.

Upon the recommendation of principal Kenya Martin and superintendent Moseley, the board approved the rehire of 23 employees for Elba Elementary School for the 2022-2023 school year. Receiving the rehire nod were teachers Jeff Carpenter [tenure year], Natasha Chalker, Alayna Cook, Sydney Crittenden, Melissa Grantham [tenure year], Kathryn Hall, Amanda Jefcoat, Emily Kilcrease, Alicia Moore, Jennifer Moseley, Rebekka Newell, Wendy Sammons, DeReatha Tolle, Jessica Wyrosdick, Robyn Reinsour, Jessica Peeken, and Ashlynn Hudson. Additional rehires for the elementary school were Maisie Edge, nurse; Maci Ellis, Kristin Hanson, Stacey Mitchell, and Carmen Odom, aides, and Linda Tillis, elementary school secretary.

The board also approved

two new hires for the high school. Anna Harrelson was hired as a math teacher, and Tawana Tucker was hired to be a special education teacher. Amanda Zorn was approved for transfer from math teacher to English teacher at the high school.

There were a handful of rehires for the school system's child nutrition program as well. These rehires were Ciarra Magwood, Maria Martinez [tenure year], Ronda Robinson, Tessa Watson [tenure year], and Jamaica Davis.

Also, during the meeting, the board awarded a resolution for resurfacing and erosion repairs. This resolution approved the bid from Bullard Excavating Inc. in the amount of \$926,182.50 for the project work.

Elba native promoted to Major General with Army

Brigadier General Jeffrey W. Jurasek, an Elba, Alabama native, was promoted to the rank of Major General (2 Star) during a promotion ceremony held in Rock Island Arsenal, Illinois on Monday, April 11, in the US First Army headquarters.

MG Jurasek is dual hatted as the First Army Deputy Commanding General-Support as well as the Commanding General of the United States Army Support Command to First Army. He assumed these positions on Nov. 8, 2021. The mission of First Army is to mobilize, train, validate, deploy and demobilize all Army National Guard and U.S. Army Reserve forces throughout the continental United States in support of the National security interests of the United States.

MG Jurasek received his



Don't Drop It on Elba!

Citizens gathered Saturday morning, April 23, in Elba to pick up trash around town for the annual Don't Drop It on Elba spring clean up campaign. This event is sponsored by the Elba Chamber of Commerce, which also provides lunch for the participants after the trash has been collected. Above, this year's participants gather for a group photo before heading out to the assigned "pick up trash spots" last Saturday morning. In the photo to the right, Young Miss Elba Kayden Moseley, Future Little Miss Elba Kayleigh Smith and Powell Bane pick up trash around the school campus.



Major General
Jeffrey W. Jurasek

commission as an Ordnance officer after graduating from the University of Alabama in 1988 and during his 36 year Army career, General Jurasek has commanded at every level from Company

to Division and has held many key positions at all levels and has deployed throughout the world in support of military operations in Eastern Europe, East Africa, Iraq, and central and South America.

MG Jurasek holds a Bachelor of Arts from the University of Alabama in international business, a Bachelor of Science from the University of South Alabama in Anthropology/Archaeology, a Master's degree from Troy University in international relations and a Master's degree in strategic studies from the U.S. Army War College.

His mother, Gloria June Jurasek and brother, Jimmy (Dawna) Jurasek are still residents of Elba. MG Jurasek and his wife Meleah currently reside in Davenport, Iowa.

For the May 24th Primary Elections

State of Alabama voters reminded of absentee ballot application deadlines

The absentee voting period for the May 24th Primary Election began on March 30, 2022.

Ahead of the May 24th Primary Election, Alabama Secretary of State John Merrill reminds Alabama voters there are not many days left to apply for an absentee ballot by mail. Voters will have an additional two days to apply for an absentee ballot by hand.

Absentee ballot applications can be downloaded online or requested by visiting or calling the local Absentee Election Manager's office. Voters may also contact the Secretary of State's Elections Division at (334) 242-7210 to request an absentee ballot application.

Important absentee voting deadlines are listed below:

May 17, 2022: The last day that absentee ballot applications can be returned by mail.
May 19, 2022: The last day that absentee ballot applications can be returned by hand.
May 23, 2022: The last day to return absentee ballots by hand to the Absentee Election Manager.
May 24, 2022: Absentee ballots must be returned by mail to the Absentee Election Manager no later than noon.

Voters who are eligible to vote pursuant to the Uniformed and Overseas Absentee Voting Act (UOCAVA) will have until May 24, 2022 to postmark an absentee ballot.

Anyone with questions or concerns, should contact the Secretary of State's Elections Division at 334-242-7210.

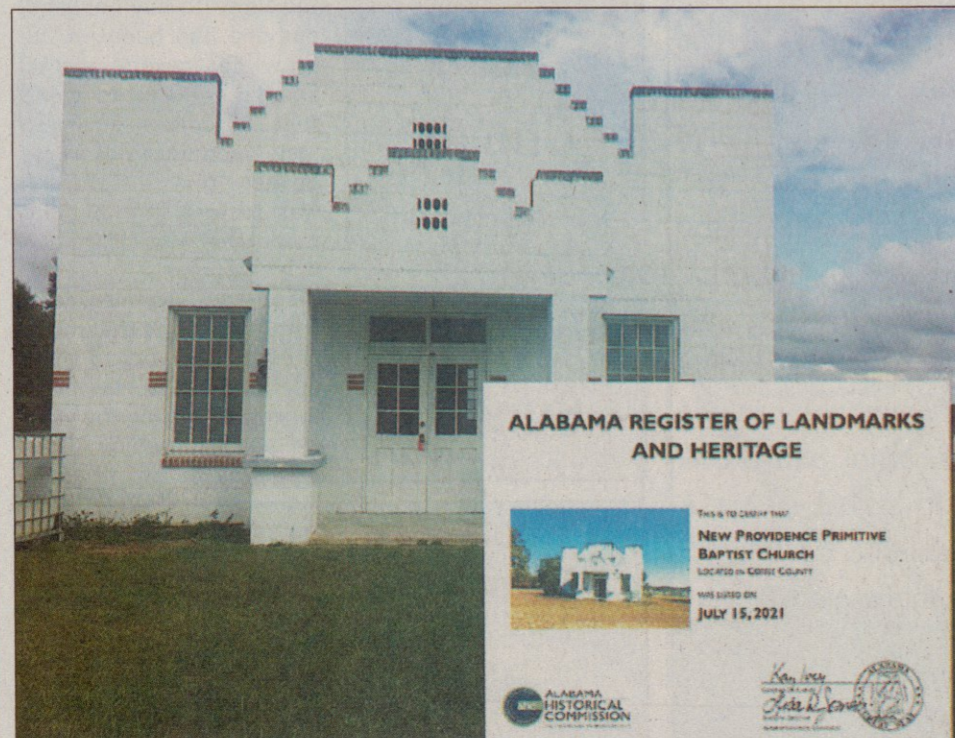
Elba Council approves appointment to library board during meeting

The Elba City Council approved a recommendation from Mayor Tom Maddox during its meeting Monday evening, April 25, to appoint Beverly Daniels-Hamilton to the Elba Public Library Board.

Maddox said Daniels-Hamilton would be replacing Dianna White on the board. White resigned several months ago when she and her family moved from Elba to another state.

Maddox said Daniels-Hamilton is no stranger to community work, and he felt that she would be a great asset to the library board.

Also, during the meeting, the council amended the city's employee handbook to add the Juneteenth holiday as a paid holiday for employees [the Elba Water and Electric Board also approved a similar action during its meeting Monday night]. Juneteenth is recognized on June 19th each year [the holiday will be observed by the city on Monday, June 20, this year due to June 19th falling on the weekend].



New Providence Primitive Baptist Church, located on Highway 189 S between Perry's Store and Kinston, has been restored by Hoyt Rhoades of Elba. The church was originally built in 1905. Nell Gilmer, also of Elba, assisted with getting the church building and its adjoining cemetery recognized on the Alabama Historical Commission's Register of Landmarks and Cemeteries. Now, funds are being raised to purchase a historical marker.

Efforts underway to purchase historical marker

County church now on state register of landmarks and heritage

New Providence Primitive Baptist Church has been restored and placed on the Alabama Register of Landmarks and Heritage.

The church was built in 1905 on land denoted by Charlie Rhoades, great-grandfather of Hoyt Rhoades of Elba, Ala. Hoyt recently restored the church, replacing the roof, ceiling, painting, replacing broken windows and refinishing the original hand-made pews.

The "Alamo" style block church is located at 3728 Hwy. 189, between Perry's Store and Kinston.

The church and cemetery behind the church are both eligible for an Alabama

Historical Commission historical marker, which will cost \$2,000. One side of the marker would have information about the church and the other side would give a history of the cemetery.

Contributions for the historic marker can be sent to Hoyt Rhoades, 955 Reese St., Elba, AL 36323. A special program will be planned for unveiling the marker later this year.

For more information, contact Hoyt Rhoades, (334) 897-5643; or Nell Gilmer, (334) 897-1255. Gilmer assisted with getting the building and cemetery on the Alabama Historical Commission Register of Landmarks and Cemeteries.



JONES RECOGNIZED AS PAUL HARRIS FELLOW...

At the Tuesday, April 26, meeting of the Elba Rotary Club, President Steve Reneau (left) recognized Tonya Jones (right) as a Paul Harris Fellow. Jones is a Past President, currently serves as Secretary/Treasurer and recently provided leadership for the Rotary Golf Tournament, which raised money for college scholarships and improvements to Tiger Town Park in Elba.

EDITORIAL

BRAINSTORMS

With Ferrin Cox

"It is amazing what you can accomplish if you do not care who gets the credit." – Harry S. Truman

The State of Florida has cancelled a special tax break that Disney World has enjoyed for years. Now, the tax break was probably an unfair advantage over other recreation sites within the state. However, public opinion is they did it in retaliation for Disney's strong opposition to some recent legislation before the legislature. This last excuse, if true, is well . . . childish.

Jeffery Jurasek is now a Major General (two star general!) The promotion was recently announced in a ceremony at Rock Island Arsenal, Illinois a couple of weeks ago. He is the son of June Jurasek of Elba. His brother Jimmy still lives in Elba. General Jurasek and his wife, Meleah, recently moved to Davenport, Iowa from their home in Mobile, AL. You know his mama is proud and all Elba should join in congratulating him on this achievement that only a very few obtain! If you don't believe it, just give her a chance and we bet she can willingly explain how g-r-e-a-t he is!

Somewhere in the past couple of days we saw a headline on an opinion article that proclaimed Elon Must something less than smart. This was probably written before he shelled out \$44 billion to buy Twitter. He may be the most unsmart man on the planet but we would love to roll around an hour or so in that \$44 billion dollar pile of money he just shelled out for Twitter!

A prediction: Former President Donald Trump, who was kicked off Twitter by the now former owner/managers, was quoted as saying, "I am not going on Twitter, I am going to stay on TRUTH". TRUTH is the social media site he created after being permanently kicked off his much used, and much followed, Twitter account. News reports are that his new site has not been an instant hit with the public. If that trend continues, we will not be surprised if he does as CNN did with its recently opened pay-for-view site and shut it down (after about a month of operation) for lack of public interest and work out some sort of deal with Musk and go back to Twitter "due to an overwhelming popular demand."

Be safe, wear your mask when appropriate, social distance, wash your hands AND get the shot(s) and/or boosters!



Kinston's "Bulldog Buddies" visit with fire/rescue on field trip to Elba

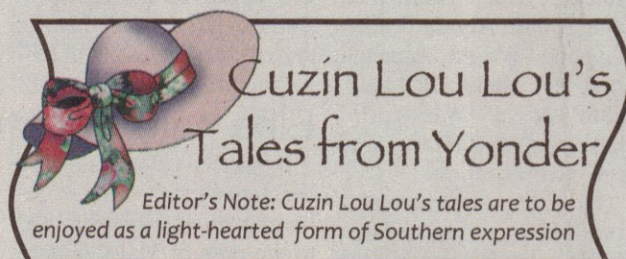
The Bulldog Buddies from Kinston School [seniors and kindergartners] visited the City of Elba on a field trip Friday morning, April 22. The trip included interacting with members of the Elba Fire Department and Enterprise Rescue to learn more about first responders and the equipment they use to help people in need.

The group also enjoyed playing at Elba's Tiger Town Park, and they had lunch while there.

In the photo at the top, the Bulldog Buddies pose for a group picture with the Elba firefighters they met Friday morning. The kindergartners were really excited to be able to see the fire equipment up close and personal, but they enjoyed the candy the firefighters gave them even more!



Kindergarten student Maggie Hunt enjoyed the field trip to Elba with her "Bulldog Buddy" senior Sydney Smith. They were both had loads of fun!



Cuzin Lou Lou is in love! Yep...you read it first right here. Love at first sight!!

Now, before anyone starts planning any parties and/or celebrations, let Lou Lou do a little explaining. You see...since childhood, Lou Lou has had a dream to one day own a Jeep Wrangler [or similar type model] as a 'second vehicle' or better referred to as her 'fun vehicle', and for various reasons, it has taken much longer that childhood Lou Lou would have imagined to acquire that Jeep.

That was until earlier this week when Lou Lou's dream came true! Lou Lou had finally made the decision "that now is the time" to buy her Jeep, and she had been on the prowl for several weeks. She did not want to spend tons of dollars buying a 'new' Jeep since this would be her "toy", instead she was looking for an older model that was still in good working order.

Lou Lou was even good with finding one that might need a little work to allow her and Papa to work together sprucing the vehicle up. They enjoy those type projects.

One day last week, she was traveling through a neighboring city just beyond Yonder when suddenly her eyes came upon her dream! Lou-Lou quickly made her way over to the "For Sale" sign in the front window of find, and she made note of the telephone number to acquire about it. Later that evening, the messaging began, and the following day, Papa took his mechanical skills over to give the Jeep a look and test.

He gave his stamp of approval, and a deal was quickly struck to allow Lou Lou to buy her Jeep!!

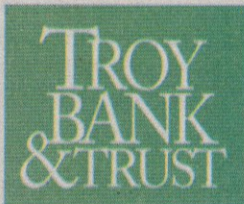
Now, Sister has been 'happy' for Lou Lou, but she has been less excited about the 'older' part of the Jeep, but that doesn't fool Lou Lou one bit. Sister plans to get plenty of enjoyment riding around with the top off enjoying the breeze too!

Lou Lou even found Sister looking on the 'ole internet one night trying to find accessories for the Jeep. So, while Sister may act like she is not happy about the Jeep now sitting in the Yonder gang's yard...well, that is all it is...an act!

The Jeep has a name already also – "Lou 2"

So, if you are looking for Lou Lou these days, just look for Lou 2. You'll probably find them both together having loads of fun somewhere around Yonder and beyond. A lifetime dream has finally come true for Lou Lou, and she plans on making the best of it!!

Until next time...God Bless and Keep Smiling!



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The Bulldog Buddies from Kinston really enjoyed checking out the Elba Fire Department's airboat rescue vehicle last Friday morning during their visit to Elba. Firefighter Johnny Manning is shown with the students giving them the "all aboard" tour!

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and Every
Sunday

Elba Walking Tour
will be Saturday, April 30,
begins at 10 a.m.



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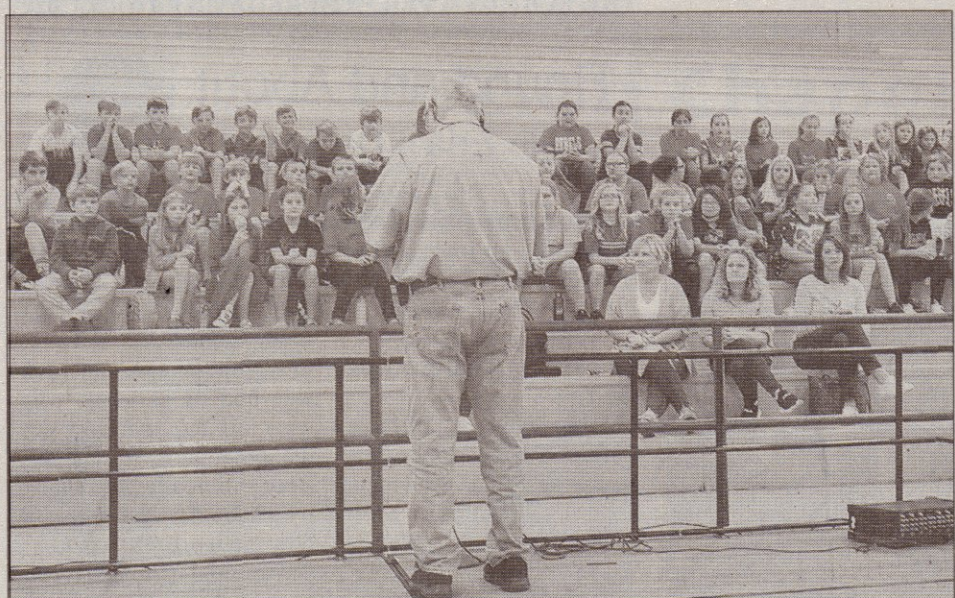
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Area Happenings

RESTORATION 154 OF ELBA will host a Potluck Brainstorm gathering Thursday, May 5, from 6-8 p.m. at the Elba Theatre on the square in downtown Elba. In honor of "Cinco de Mayo" those planning to attend are encouraged to bring a favorite Mexican dish to share, along with good ideas for Elba.



Dean Smith, chairman of the Coffee County Commissioners, announces poster contest winners at the festival.

Conservation District/NRCS hosts Coffee County Groundwater Festival

by Sue Leverett, Education Specialist,
Coffee County Conservation District

This year's groundwater festival was held on April 21, 2022. Coffee County fourth grade students enjoyed a fun filled day of hands-on activities while learning about groundwater protection and conservation. Approximately, 239 students and their teachers from Elba, Kinston, New Brockton, and Zion Chapel attended the festival. The ground water festival was held at the New Brockton Farm Center where each student rotated through three activity sessions. In session one, students built their own bracelet using beads to represent the different stages of the water cycle. In session two, students learned about filtration by attempting to remove pollutants from water. In the last session, students assembled an edible aquifer using chocolate syrup to represent an oil spill. Eating the aquifer was the most fun

of all! Winners of the poster contest from each school were announced during the awards ceremony. Monetary awards totaling \$760 were given out to students and their teachers during the festival. Students also received a canvas backpack with a booklet on the History of Drinking Water. All teachers received a Water Cycle Fundana game and goldfish snacks for everyone!

The Natural Resources Conservation Service, Coffee County Extension Office, Natural Resources Conservation Service and many Coffee County residents volunteered their time to assist with the event and present demonstrations. Due to its efforts to protect groundwater, the Coffee County Conservation District is an active member of the Groundwater Foundation.

Financial sponsors and supporters of the event include Coffee County Conservation District and Wiregrass RC&D who provides a grant for this event.



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

To the Members of the Elba High School Class of 1954:

On behalf of the board officers and members of the Elba High School Alumni Association, I extend a heartfelt thank you to you all for your generous donation made recently to our association.

The Elba High School Alumni Association was formed to be an asset/resource for Elba City Schools. Each year, the association provides \$3,000 in scholarship monies to graduating seniors [a \$1,500 scholarship for a male graduate and a \$1,500 scholarship for a female graduate]. Over six years now, \$18,000 has been provided in scholarship monies, and we plan to add to that total in May.

On top of that, the association's board works closely with the schools, and strives to assist with needs that may arise throughout each school year. Some of the things the association has been able to do over the years, to benefit the school system, includes: jointly funding [along with the New Season's Study Club] a 'Welcome to Elba City Schools' sign for the Taylor Mill Road entrance onto the campus; jointly funding [along with the EES PTO organization] the purchase of a laminating machine for the elementary school; donating funds to the band program to pay the cost of a student's fees for the Chicago trip four years ago where the band participated in the Chicago St. Patrick's Day Parade; donating the funds to FCCLA to allow for proper dress attire to be purchased for three students to participate in a nationals competition; helped fund the new sound system at Tiger Stadium; and most recently, donating to the Elba High School choir program to scholar-

ship some student fees for participation in the upcoming Lion King Jr. musical presentation.

We are only able to accomplish these things through support of alumni such as your class members. We rely on membership dues, an annual golf tournament fundraiser, and private donation, like yours, to allow us to help Elba City Schools.

Your donation is greatly appreciated by all. As always...It's Great to be an Elba Tiger!!

Sincerely,
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Obituaries

Death notices updated regularly on our website at <www.elba-clipper.com>

ROBERT "BOB" EDWIN HAHN

Mr. Robert "Bob" Edwin Hahn, age 83, of Elba, Ala., died Thursday, April 21, 2022, at his home in Elba.

Funeral services were held Saturday, April 23, 2022, from Westside Baptist with Rev. Ken Wilson officiating. Committal services followed in the Evergreen Cemetery with Hayes Funeral Home of Elba directing. Contributions in memory of Bob may be made to First Choice Hospice, 966 Claxton Avenue, Elba, AL 36323.

He was preceded in death by his father - William Michael Hahn, mother - Dorothy Elizabeth Ahlstedt, stepson - Joseph Eugene Moore, brother - William "Bill" Hahn, and grandchildren - Megan and Riley Holderfield.

Survivors include wife: Syble King Hahn, Elba; daughters: Debbie Hahn (David) Hope, Enterprise, Ala.; Terri Hahn (Clint) Jorgenson, Bel Air, Md.; stepdaughters: Deborah Moore (Julius) Head, Enterprise, Cynthia Moore (Emil) Cirone, Weston, Fla.; grandsons: Justin (Amanda) Hope, Enterprise, Colby (Emily) Brown, Liberty, Ky., Romulus Cirone, Hollywood, Fla., Ethan Jorgenson, Bel Air, Md.; granddaughters: Shasta (Emmanuel) Kromer, Phenix City, Ala., Laura (Jay) Schantz, Pembroke Pines, Fla., Chloe Jorgenson, Bel Air, Md.; and seven great-grandchildren.

MONA EDWINA ROGERS

Mrs. Mona Edwina Rogers, age 68, of Ozark, Ala., died Tuesday, March 15, 2022, at DCH Regional Medical Center in Tuscaloosa, Ala.

Graveside services will be held Friday, April 29, 2022, from Alberton Cemetery at 2 p.m., with Rev. Derek Snellgrove officiating. Hayes Funeral

Home of Elba is serving the Rogers family.

She was preceded in death by her mother - Georgia Hoskins, and her sisters - Tanja Hoskins and Patricia Crabtree.

Survivors include her daughters: Deanna Aitken and Vonda Morris, both of Morgantown, WV and Katherine Ayhens, Metairie, La.; sisters: Jo Ann Osbon, Linda Jordan, Lee Ann Valentine; brothers: Larry Moore and Anthony Valentine; grandchildren: Jackie, Ayden and Thairen Morris, Quinten Aitken and Tobias Ayhens.

ANNE ELIZABETH MILES

Mrs. Anne Elizabeth Miles, age 94, of Elba, Ala., died Sunday, April 24, 2022, at Baptist Health



Prattville in Prattville, Ala. Funeral services will be held from Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints on Friday, April 29, 2022, at 11 a.m., with Bishop Michael Edward Walker officiating. Burial services will follow in the Evergreen Cemetery of Elba with Hayes Funeral Home directing.

Visitation will be at Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints on Friday from 10-11 a.m. Flowers are being accepted or contributions in honor of Mrs. Miles may be made to a fa-



vorite charity.

Mrs. Miles was preceded in death by her husband - Dr. Melvin Virgil Miles, father - Phillip Amos Ward Sr., mother - Inger Ward, sons - Phillip Miles, and Joseph Miles, and brother - Phillip Amos Ward Jr.

Survivors include her daughters: Judy Turner, Enterprise, Ala., Jeanette (Dennis)

Donaldson, Elba; son: Charles (Diana) Miles, Prattville; sisters: Margaret Austin, Centennial, Colo., Shirley Mahoney, Cascade, Mon., and Carol (Harold) Maxwell, Mesa, Ariz.; grandsons: Michael Vines, and Robert Donaldson, both of Elba, Chris Turner, Pensacola, Fla., Wesley Donaldson, Enterprise, and Chuck Miles, Lake St Louis, Mo.; granddaughters: Courtney Turner, Pensacola, Gale Renteria, and Deanne Doake, both of Enterprise; and 14 great-grandchildren.

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CHURCH NEWS

PASTOR'S CORNER

by Paul Jackson, Pastor

Covenant Community Church

Four things I know for sure

There's so much uncertainty in our world today--the economy, our country's future, and really scary world events, just to name a few.

So, here are four things about which I am absolutely sure. And if you need some certainty today, I hope you can find it in these things, too.

First, you need to be loved. It's essential for human life. You won't do well without it. But with real love, you will flourish as a person.

The Bible tells us that "God is love". And his love is the real deal. So, if you feel that no one else loves you, he does. I'm absolutely certain of it!

Second, you're greater than anything that has ever happened to you. I'm absolutely sure of that. How do I know? Because you can

change. Choose a new direction. I've seen hundreds of people make a choice to change their life. You can, too! That's why I know

that you are greater than any particular situation in which you now find yourself. So make a better choice. Make a wiser decision.

Go ahead. Just do it. Jesus was always reminding people of the power they wielded by taking the initiative to change their course.

You have the same power today. You really do.

Third, you don't have to live with regrets when you discover forgiveness. And you need forgiveness--God's, other's, and your's. I know you do;

you've made too many mistakes not to need forgiveness. How do I know? Because I was right there with you in the same boat until I

finally accepted God's forgiveness and learned then to forgive myself. Friend, your past can't be undone; it can only be forgiven.

You can choose forgiveness, or you can wallow in guilt and a lot of regrets. Again, your choice! So, please... choose forgiveness!

Fourth, you need a guide. Someone who knows the way through life. The most reliable guide I know is Jesus Christ. He said, "I am the way."

I remember so well when I asked Jesus to take my life and lead me. I'd say he's done a better job than I could have done. So try all the alternatives

you can think of, but you won't find anyone better to lead you in the right direction than Jesus. I'm very sure of that. So here's your chance to

make a really good decision. What are you waiting for?

Want to talk? I'll listen. Give me a call.

Military Support Group Meetings:

Enterprise Military Support Group meets on Tuesdays at 7 p.m. Anyone who needs to talk about difficult experiences and needs an understanding friend is invited. Meetings at Church on Boll Weevil Circle, 2017 Boll Weevil Circle, Enterprise, Ala.

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SENIOR RECOGNITION...Basin Baptist Church held a special senior recognition service Sunday, April 24, for its upcoming high school graduates. The seniors were recognized during the morning worship service and a lunch in their honor was held immediately following the morning service. The graduates honored were (from left) Preston Farris [Kinston senior], the son of Jason and Marsha Farris; Blair Wyrosdick [Kinston senior], the daughter of Jamie and Lougener Wyrosdick; and Drew Mack [Zion Chapel senior], the son of Josh and Tammy Mack. Basin Baptist Church is located at 9757 Alabama Highway 189 S, Elba, Ala. An open invitation is given to all to come and worship at the church.

Victoria Baptist Church to celebrate Homecoming service on May 1st

Victoria Baptist Church will be celebrate Homecoming beginning at 10:30 a.m. Sunday, May 1, 2022. There will be a Homecoming sermon by Reverend Buddy Hood and special music. The group will enjoy lunch together in the fellowship hall following the morning service. All are invited to attend this special service.

Cemetery meeting set for Saturday, May 7th, at Antioch Baptist Church

Antioch Baptist Church will hold a cemetery meeting Saturday, May 7, at the church. The meeting begins at 10 a.m. All citizens interested in the church cemetery are urged to attend.

'Mother's Day' Banquet planned for Saturday evening, May 7, at Greater New Zion Missionary Baptist Church

Greater New Zion Missionary Baptist Church invites all to the 2022 Mother's Day Banquet planned for Saturday, May 7, at 6 p.m. The church is located at 720 E Davis Street in Elba, Ala. There is no cover charge, but a donation of \$15 [or an amount that can be afforded] is greatly appreciated. To reserve a space, email admin.assistant@gnzmbchurch.org or call (334) 897-5545 to leave a message.

Round and About With Eria's Daughter

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Scripture: An Invitation to Abundant Life [Isaiah 55: 1-13]

Thinking of You! Praying for You.

Corene Daniels, Bernice Culver, Estella Hooks, Joe Rudolph, Emily Newman, Shane Williams, Min. Robert Edwards, Wendy Wood

April Birthdays / Anniversaries

Kimberly Cooks Ruffin 4/13
Donta Tillis 4/13
Foy Belcher 4/14 (in memory)
Apprasia Edwards 4/15
Martavious Gray 4/16
Wesley J. Kelley 4/16
Mittie B. Edwards 4/17 (in memory)
Bessie T. Williams 4/18
Shakeitha W. Edwards 4/18
Trey Belcher 4/19
Kathryn Williams Daniels 4/20
Dorothy Richardson 4/21

District Meeting

New Philadelphia, Shiloh Community, Elba, Ala., will host the District Meeting on Sunday, May 1, and Monday, May 2. Guest speaker will be Superintendent Michael E. Robinson, Capitol City Church of God in Christ, Montgomery, Ala. Sunday, May 1, will be Missionary Night beginning at 5 p.m., and Monday, May 2, will be Superintendent Flowers Night beginning at 7 p.m. Everyone is invited.

How Lives Matter

The year 2016 was marked by a very large number of shootings in the United States involving police and black citizens. No part of the country seemed to be safe from the violence. Sometimes the citizens were the ones shot, and sometimes it was the police. Sometimes the response to shootings by police was rioting, sometimes sniper shots that killed police officers, and sometimes peaceful demonstrations. Many protestors thought the police valued the lives of

certain people less than the lives of others.

Each side in the public debate marshaled statistics to support its case, and each side had its partisans who were all too quick to see the other side as villains. Both sides called for equality under the law, but just how that equality was to be defined and manifested was a point of disagreement.

We should be grateful that God judges people without looking at the superficial elements that bias human judgements. His unbiased evaluations apply not only to the final day of judgement but also to day-to-day life [example: I Samuel 16:7]. Jesus seeks disciples from every nation and race "in whom is no guile." [John 1:47], followers whose uniform is nothing more or less than "the whole armour of God" [Ephesians 6:11]. Can you help recruit some today? - C.R.B.

Question / Answer Section

Q/A for the Week of 4/28/22 Fill in the Blanks

Q: Joseph arranged for his brothers and their families to live in _____

A: Goshen [Genesis 45:10]

Q: Jesus described himself as the vine, and His followers as the _____

A: Branches [John 15: 5(a)]

Thought to Remember

The Master Teacher is also the Master Forgiver. Let the Great Physician keep your spiritual hart healthy.

Questions for the Week of 5/5/2022

True or False

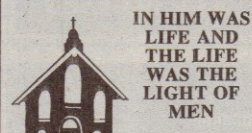
Q: The words Christ and Messiah refer to the same person.

Q: The Samaritans who heard the woman's testimony about Jesus scoffed at her.

Q: Jesus had delivered Mary Magdalene from seven devils.

Today is a good day! Be grateful.
Eria's Daughter, Sue

Church Directory



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ABUNDANT GRACE

COMMUNITY CHURCH

Rockey Pearce, Pastor

Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.

Even. Service . . . 5:00 p.m.

ABUNDANT LIFE

CHURCH SAMSON, Ala.

Richard Thorn Sr., Pastor

Morn. Worship . . . 10:30 a.m.

Wed. Night Service 7:00 p.m.

ALBERTON BAPTIST

CHURCH

Harry Driggers, Pastor

Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.

Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.

Even. Service . . . 6:00 p.m.

Wed. Prayer Service 7:00 p.m.

BASIN BAPTIST CHURCH

Sam Self, Pastor

Sunday School . . . 9:30 a.m.

Morn. Worship . . . 10:30 a.m.

Wed. Prayer Meet. 6:30 p.m.

BETHLE AME CHURCH

Deborah A. Butler, Pastor

Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.

Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.

Wed. Bible Study . . . 6:00 p.m.

BETHLEHEM BAPTIST

CHURCH

Greg Cotter, Pastor

Sunday School . . . 9:00 a.m.

Morn. Worship . . . 10:00 a.m.

Disciple Train . . . 5:30 p.m.

Even. Worship . . . 7:00 p.m.

BLUFF SPRINGS

BAPTIST CHURCH

Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.

Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.

Even. Service . . . 6:00 p.m.

Wed. Prayer Service 6:30 p.m.

COVENANT COMMUNITY

CHURCH

Paul Jackson, Pastor

Sunday Fellowship 9:30 a.m.

Sunday Worship . . . 10:00 a.m.

Wed. Night "Peak of the

Week & meal . . . 5:30 p.m.

Bible Study & Prayer . . . 6:15

p.m. until 7:00 p.m.

DAMASCUS BAPTIST

CHURCH

Steve Watson, Pastor

Sunday School . . . 9:45 a.m.

Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.

Even. Service . . . 6:00 p.m.

Wed. Prayer Service 7:00 p.m.

DORCAS BAPTIST

CHURCH

Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.

Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.

Discipleship Training 5:00

p.m.

Even. Worship . . . 6:00 p.m.

Wed. Prayer Meet. 7:00 p.m.

EAON BAPTIST

CHURCH

Mark Ward, Pastor

Sunday School . . . 10:30 a.m.

Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.

Wed. Bible Study . . . 6:15 p.m.

ELBA CHURCH OF CHRIST

Phillip Box, Minister

Bible Study . . . 9:00 a.m.

Morn. Worship . . . 10:00 a.m.

Even. Service . . . 5:00 p.m.

Wed. Bible Study . . . 6:30 p.m.

ELBA CHURCH OF GOD

Noble, Pastor

Morn. Worship . . . 10:45 a.m.

Even. Worship . . . 5:00 p.m.

ELBA CHURCH OF GOD

OF PROPHECY

H.L. Buckner, Pastor

Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.

Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.

Sunday Night . . . 6:00 p.m.

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ELBA DELIVERANCE

TABERNACLE

Allen Richards, Pastor

Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.

Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.

Even. Service . . . 5:00 p.m.

Wed. Service . . . 7:00 p.m.

ELBA 1st ASSEMBLY OF GOD

Dwight Johnson, Pastor

Sunday School . . . 9:30 a.m.

Morn. Worship . . . 10:30 a.m.

Even. Service . . . 6:00 p.m.

Wed. Service . . . 6:30 p.m.

ELBA UNITED

METHODIST CHURCH

Kit Johnson, Pastor

Sunday School . . . 9:00 a.m.

Morn. Worship . . . 10:00 a.m.

Even. Service . . . 5:00 p.m.

Wed. Service . . . 6:30 p.m.

ELBA ZION BAPTIST

CHURCH

Lovell Martin, Pastor

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ELBA ZION BAPTIST

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Zion Chapel Rebel News



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Miss Zion Chapel Jordan Saunders
Saunders crowned Miss Zion Chapel
by Madison Bassett,
10th grade student

The newly crowned Miss Zion Chapel, Ella Jordan Saunders, is excited about returning to the Peanut pageant.

Many years ago, she attended the Peanut pageant as Little Miss Zion Chapel, and says she is ready to compete again on a larger scale.

"Preparing for Peanut takes quite a while, but I am prepared to work over the next few months to do the best I can come October," she said.

Throughout the years, Jordan has grown from Little Miss to now, and all can sense her excitement as she tells that her goal for a long time has been to return to the Miss National Peanut Festival Pageant and represent her hometown with pride and resilience. Peanut takes a lot of preparation and is something of which many local girls dream.

There are many tasks and responsibilities attached to the title of Miss Zion Chapel, but of her favorite part of being Miss ZC, Jordan says, "I love that I have six little girls that look to me for guidance. Being a role model for them is the greatest job I could have."

With the crown comes much responsibility, but it also comes with a lot of fun.

She states, "the summer full of parties and parades was always what I enjoyed the most." We have no doubt there will be plenty of those to attend this summer!

Jordan is a strong, independent role model to many people, and we could not see a better fit for the title of Miss Zion Chapel.

Senior Reflection: "What I'd Do Differently"

by Cole McDaniel,
12th grade student

Seeing as how graduation is quickly approaching, I wanted to take advantage of my last opportunity to write an article for *Rebel News* about things I would do differently if I could go back in time.

If I could go back in time, I wouldn't miss as many days of school as I have. Looking back, I wish I would've had better attendance where I wouldn't have missed out on making countless memories. We only get one chance to enjoy these few years of our lives spent within these school walls.

Reflecting on all the fun I had during basketball season with my best friends

Students participate in Southeast Electric Cooperative Youth Tour

by Norah Martin, 11th grade student

The second semester for Zion Chapel always seems much busier than the first. Although football season is out of the way, many other activities are continuing or starting.

The Southeast Electric Cooperative Youth Tour in Montgomery was offered to every junior in the state of Alabama, but only 10 juniors from each district were selected. I, along with two of my fellow peers, were chosen from Zion Chapel to take part in the tour after submitting an application and interviewing at the electric cooperative.

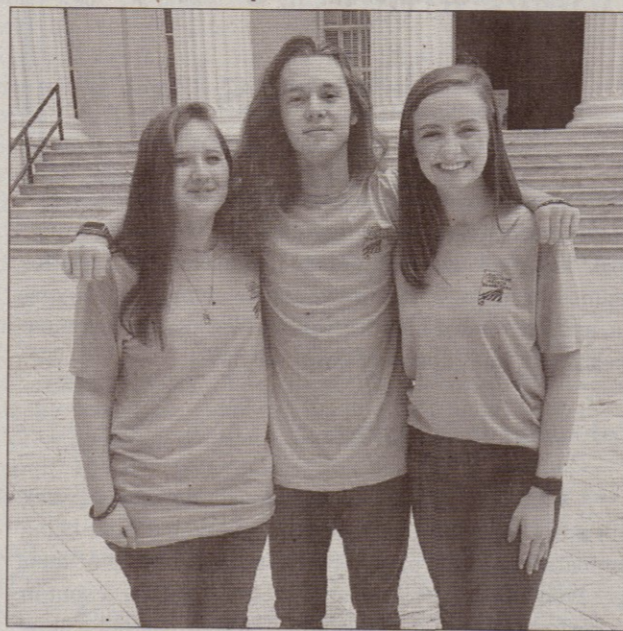
The application consisted of an academic resume, a 300-500 word paper on your biggest inspiration, and known information about Alabamian legislators. Following the application process, we interviewed at the electric cooperative. We were asked questions such as, "What is your most prized possession?", "What are three qualities you look for in a friend?", "Why were you interested?", etc. to help narrow the selection from 26 to just 10.

After being selected, we were off to Montgomery. We arrived and listened to a guest speaker on topics such as mental health, accepting ourselves, coming out of our shell, and making new friends. We were then split into groups completely unrelated to the one we arrived with and participated in very fun team-building activities. Our groups did things like building the tallest paper houses and making big nets, then seeing if we could bounce a beach ball using the net we built.

Towards the end of the night, we watched the movie *Encanto* and played board games with whomever we wanted. It was nice to get to know our new friends a little more.

The next morning we took our charter bus over to Alabama's beautiful state capitol and took pictures with the whole group and then in our district groups. From there we went to the Southeast Electric Cooperative to learn more about power lines, generators, transformers, and much more. We were also taught how to escape a vehicle when a live power line touches it, more about the career as a whole, and reasons why your power might go out. The experience gave me much more respect for those who have to work on our power lines and keep our power working.

Later on, we listened to another great guest speaker discuss the importance of voting. Next, we grabbed a partner and were told to argue whether a vending machine



Norah Martin, Cruz Smith, Jordan Saunders

at our school should remain on during school hours. Some argued that it should stay off because there would be a rise in littering and energized children. Others said those with health problems like diabetes might need a snack because they have low blood sugar. Many arguments were made and everyone had a good time and lots of fun.

The night ended with a tasty dinner and a dance party. We danced the night away (until curfew) with sodas and snacks in hand. On the final morning, we had breakfast with Alabama legislators and asked our burning questions that would help us better understand the role our legislators play in policymaking. When all of our questions were answered, we were off back home.

Along with this wonderful experience, all of the attendees were up for selection to tour Washington D.C. Only two from the group of 10 could be chosen, but due to COVID, the trip was canceled. In lieu of the trip, the students chosen would instead receive a \$3,000 scholarship. Zion Chapel's Jordan Saunders was given this scholarship, and she definitely earned and deserved it.

Overall, this was an experience I recommend to every junior, and they should undoubtedly participate if they have the opportunity.



Zion Chapel Band at Music Performance Assessment in Enterprise

Rebel Band scores superior ratings at MPA event

Article credits to Madison Caster, 12th grade student; Reannon Odore, 11th grade student; and Elijah Barker, 10th grade student

ed the bus, then went into the bandroom to warm up. The wait felt like it lasted forever.

When it comes to a performance assessment, you want to get it over with, and you don't want to overthink it. The anticipation of waiting our turn was killing us, and then before we even noticed we were on stage, the blue lights were shining upon us.

We all looked up at Mr. Logan, and he told us "y'all got this," then—boom—we were playing our hearts out. We played "Prestissimo," "Companion of My Voice," and "Into the Arctic."

Once we finished our pieces, we were escorted into another room with a single judge and a handful of people. The judge introduced himself, and we

received our next pieces in an attempt to "sight read".

Sight reading is when the band has limited time to look at the song without ever having played it before and then performing it on the spot.

We reviewed the music, fingered through the notes, and read through the rhythm. Then we played, and we sounded great! After we finished, we changed out of our dresses and suits so we could go watch the other bands perform. When it was over, Mr. Logan read us our results: one.

One is synonymous with "superior." We went wild! We felt like like we had accomplished something grand.

Before we knew it, it was time for us to leave, go out to eat, and cause chaos.

Coach Cody Keene returns to Zion Chapel to lead football program

Mason Stuart,
10th grade student

When I learned Coach Johnny Bryant was resigning as our head football coach, I was disappointed until I understood that he was doing it so he could spend more time with his family. However, there is always a silver lining.

As the quarterback for the Zion Chapel football team, I speak for all of us when I say it is extremely exciting to welcome Coach Cody Keene back to the Chapel.

When we asked Keene what his goals were for our program, he stated, "We want to grow quality young men first and foremost. Secondly, we want to be competitive in every environment that we step into and ultimately provide a big time experience for our players in a small town environment."

As a young man, I know that you need someone besides your parents to teach you the way of life and help you prepare for your future, and knowing that Coach Keene will be providing us with that checks off a major requirement on the list for a great coach.



Mason Stuart,
Zion Chapel quarterback

Another thing that is important to Coach Keene is helping us to be competitive players in any environment. As a competitive player, I know how far being competitive can get you in football. Football is twenty-five percent talent and seventy-five percent "want to"—you have to want to be the best in order

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SPORTS NEWS

Views From

The Pressbox

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

Our grandson Lawson enjoyed his three-day 'water break' last week and said it made him even more ready for summer. He loves to stay in the sun swimming and having fun, and I reminded him that summer vacation is just three weeks. Yep, he is counting down the days!

For what it is worth....

*** The Elba Tigers closed their season last week with a big road win over Geneva County and after being eliminated from the playoffs went on to win five of their last seven games. Elba was expected to fight for a spot in the post-season and did finish third in the area, but a slow start and the fact two of the top 2A teams in the state also reside in the area proved too much to overcome. My guess is the move to 1A next season will provide a spark for the Tigers and they will be a team to watch come playoff time.

*** The Elba Lady Tigers got back on the winning track last week at their tournament and appear to be settling back in after a few rough weeks. Elba has been short-handed all season and again Saturday were without three players, but just moved players around and played hard in all its games. You can't always judge the success of a team by its record, and that is certainly the case this season for Elba High softball as the Lady Tigers have improved tremendously during the season and with only one senior in the starting line-up have laid the foundation for success in years to come.

*** It wasn't a busy week on the baseball diamond last week as the playoffs got started, but it was busy for Brantley and New Brockton as both teams opened post-season play. The Bulldogs made it look easy in their series with Billingsley and swept the Bears two straight games to move on to round two, while the Gamecocks won their series opener on the road in Thomasville before dropping the next two games to see their season come to an end. Brantley may be the only area team left playing baseball, but it was a great season for all the other teams in the area and there is no doubt high school baseball is alive and well. Over on the softball field, Brantley kept on piling up the wins as the Lady Bulldogs took toward the post-season, while the most improved team in the area has to be the Kinston Lady Bulldogs, who held their own with some much bigger opponents in the Elba tournament and have to be the favorites to win the area tourney next week. Zion Chapel also flexed its muscle last week and is definitely a team on the rise, and New Brockton seems to be peaking at just the right time and should be alive and well when the region tourney starts at Gulf Shores.

*** The Elba Lady Tigers hosted their annual softball tournament last weekend and looking back it had to be one of the most successful tournaments ever sponsored by the Elba girls. The teams in the tournament all enjoyed their weekend in the sun, the parents and supporters worked hard both days in the concession stand, cooking burgers and fries, and manning the ticket booth, and in the end it was without a doubt one of the most successful tournaments in years held in Elba. The fact three teams from the Mobile area made the trip up was amazing in itself; however, it was a total team effort and put some money in the softball account for next season. It was fun.

*** In closing.... The Atlanta Braves are off to another less than spectacular start with a 7-9 record heading into the third week of the season, and while I know there are still around 140 games left on the schedule, I am growing tired of the Braves TV announcers talking about how the team got off to a slow start a year ago and manager Brian Snitker constantly saying the start is better than last year.

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Outscore Geneva County 11-7

Tigers close season with a win

The Elba Tigers closed their season last Tuesday afternoon with an exciting 10-7 road win over the Geneva County Bulldogs, in Hartford.

Elba jumped out to an early 1-0 lead in the top of the first inning when Carson Wise drew a leadoff walk and circled the bases on a combination of wild pitches and passed balls, and upped its lead to 2-0 in the third when Carson Wise delivered a one-out single, stole second and scored on an error.

Geneva County pulled even at 2-2 in its half of the third, but the Tigers responded with two runs in both the fourth and fifth innings to open up a 6-2 lead. Collins Sauls and hit by a pitch and Collin Arnold reached on a walk to open the fourth inning fireworks, and both players crossed the plate on a Bulldog error to put Elba on top 4-2, while in the fifth inning singles by Ty Sieving and Whit Shehee and a two-run double by Paxton Wise helped the Tigers push their lead to 6-2.

Geneva County cut the lead to 6-4 in the bottom of the fifth. However, an rbi single by Sieving upped the Tigers lead to 7-4 in the top of the sixth, and Sieving added an rbi single in the seventh to go along with three walks as Elba moved on top 10-4, and turned back a late Geneva County to hold on and claim the 10-7 win.

Ty Sieving had 3 hits, scored 1 run and had 3 rbi's to lead Elba at the



Elba Tiger outfielder Brady Johnson (15) battles the sun to make a running catch in a recent win. The Tigers closed out the season with five wins in their final seven games.

(Photo by BC Sports Photography)

plate, while Carson Wise and Collin Arnold both added 1 hit and scored 2 runs; and, Brady Johnson and Whit Shehee added 1

hit and scored 1 run.

Collin Arnold pitched five innings and allowed no earned runs on five hits to pick up the win on

the mound, while Paxton Wise picked up a save as he tossed two innings and allowed two earned runs on two hits.

Lady Tigers close out area softball schedule

The Elba Lady Tigers closed out their regular season last week with a pair of losses to head in post-season play with the #4 seed in the area.

Following are recaps of both games:

G.W. Long 19 Elba 4 – The Elba Lady Tigers kept it close early, but couldn't keep up late in the game in a 19-4 area loss to the G.W. Long Lady Rebels. Alayvia Stinson ripped a two-run double in the second inning to drive in Danaejah Flowers and Hailee Layton to pull Elba even at 2-2, while Aimee Senn added an rbi single and Stinson scored on a fielder's choice in the fourth as the Lady Tigers stayed close and pulled within 7-4. The Lady Tigers failed to score again; however, and watched as the Lady Rebels exploded late to pull away with the lopsided win. Aimee Senn had 2 hits and 1 rbi to lead Elba at the plate, while Alayvia Stinson added 1 hit, 1 rbi and scored 1 run; Undreya Chism added 2 hits; and, Danaejah Flowers

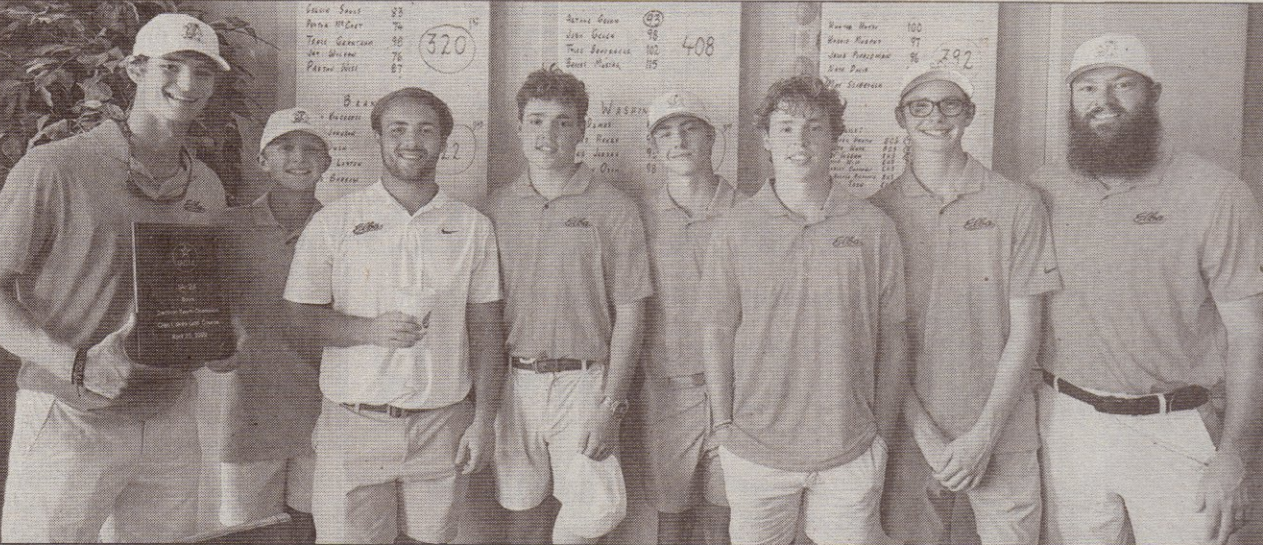
added 1 hit and scored 1 run.

Zion Chapel 6 Elba 1 – The Elba Lady Tigers fell behind 2-0 in the top of the first inning and could never catch up as they dropped a 6-1 decision to the Zion Chapel Lady Rebels. Elba cut the deficit to 2-1 in the bottom of the first after a hit by Aimee Senn and a Lady Rebels error, but stranded six runners on base over the game's final six innings as they suffered the home loss. Aimee Senn had 2 hits and scored 1 run to lead Elba, while Danielle Tidwell, Ayrika Caldwell, Alayvia Stinson and Andrya Chism all added 1 hit. Sydney Boothe had 2 hits and 3 rbi's to lead the Lady Rebels, while Shea Wambles added 1 hit, scored 1 run and had 1 rbi; Kaylee Hodge added 1 hit and scored 2 runs; and, Alexis Wambles, Riley Bannin and Emily Rhodes all added 1 hit and scored 1 run. Riley Bannin was the winning pitcher as she tossed a complete game six-hitter.



Elba Lady Tiger Hailee Layton fires a ball to first after fielding a grounder in recent high school softball action. Layton, a senior, is a three-year starter for the Lady Tigers.

(Photo by BC Sports Photography)



The Elba High School golf team won the AHSAA Class 1A/2A Boys Sectionals event Monday, April 25, at the Glenlakes Golf Course in Foley, Ala. The win advances Elba to next week's Sub-State event set for Tuesday, May 3, at the Troy Country Club. Those pictured above include: Peyton McCart, Jay Wilson, Collin Sauls, Paxton Wise, Trace Grantham, Carson Wise, Bradley Chapman, and Coach Mark Wicker.

Brantley Bulldogs place second in the event

Elba Tigers win AHSAA Class 1A/2A Boys Sectionals event in golf

The Elba High School Golf team claimed their Alabama High School Athletic Association [AHSAA] Class 1A/2A Boys Sectionals title Monday, April 25, at the Glenlakes Golf Course

in Foley, Ala.

The Tigers placed first in the event with an overall team score of 320. Brantley placed second in the event with a team score of 322. Third place

went to Washington County with a team score of 365, and Orange Beach rounded out the top four qualifiers

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SPORTS NEWS

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DIAMOND DUST

Statistics by GAMECHANGER

BASEBALL

Straughn 14 Brantley 4 – The Brantley Bulldogs saw an early 2-0 lead vanish in a 14-4 loss to the Straughn Tigers. Tyson Grant had 1 hit, scored 1 run and had 1 rbi to lead the Bulldogs at the plate, while Tucker Kilcrease, Kaleb Weed and Cooper Layton all added 1 hit and scored 1 run.

New Brockton 6 Thomasville 2 – The New Brockton Gamecocks used a 5-run fourth inning to grab the lead in a 6-2 playoff win over the Thomasville Tigers. Payton Green had 3 hits, including a pair of doubles, and scored 1 run to lead the Gamecocks, while Riley Simmons added 2 hits, scored 1 run and had 2 rbi's; and, Drew Cashin added 1 hit and 2 rbi's. Drew Cashin was the winning pitcher as he tossed seven innings and allowed one earned runs on six hits and had 12 strikeouts.

Thomasville 11 New Brockton 0 – The New Brockton Gamecocks trailed only 2-0 heading into the fifth inning, but couldn't hold on late and dropped an 11-0 playoff decision to the Thomasville Tigers. Kaden Cupp had 2 hits to lead the Gamecocks, while Drew Cashin, Riley Simmons and Dawson Peacock all added 1 hit. Six New Brockton pitchers combined to toss seven innings and allowed eight earned runs on 10 hits and five walks.

Thomasville 13 New Brockton 9 – The New Brockton Gamecocks were tied 5-5 in the fifth inning, but couldn't keep up the pace and saw their season end with a wild 13-9 playoff loss to the Thomasville Tigers. Jaxon Whitworth had 3 hits and scored 2 runs to lead the Gamecocks, while Payton Green added 2 hits, scored 1 run and had 1 rbi; Colton McClenny added a home run, scored 1 run and had 3 rbi's; and, Riley Simmons, Drew Cashin and Gabe Herrington all added 1 hit and 1 rbi. Four New Brockton pitchers combined to pitch seven innings and allowed six earned runs eight hits and eight walks.

Brantley 6 Billingsley 3 – The Brantley Bulldogs pulled ahead early and held on late to claim a 6-3 playoff win over the Billingsley Bears. Jon Bush had 2 hits, scored 1 run and had 2 rbi's to lead the Bulldogs, while Kaleb Weed and Kendrick Welch both added 1 hit and 1 rbi. Harper Kilcrease and Jon Bush combined to pitch seven innings and allowed three earned runs on six hits and four walks.

Brantley 16 Billingsley 2 – The Brantley Bulldogs jumped out to a 10-0 third inning lead and never looked back to post a lopsided 16-2 playoff win over the Billingsley Bears. Jon Bush had 2 hits, scored 3 runs and had 2 rbi's to lead the Bulldogs, while Tucker Kilcrease added 2 hits, scored 1 run and had 3 rbi's; Kendrick Welch added 1 hit, scored 3 runs and had 1 rbi; and, Jordan Parks and Tyson Grant both added 1 hit, scored 2 runs and had 1 rbi. Jordan Parks was the winning pitcher as he tossed four innings and allowed one earned run on six hits, while striking out ten.

SOFTBALL

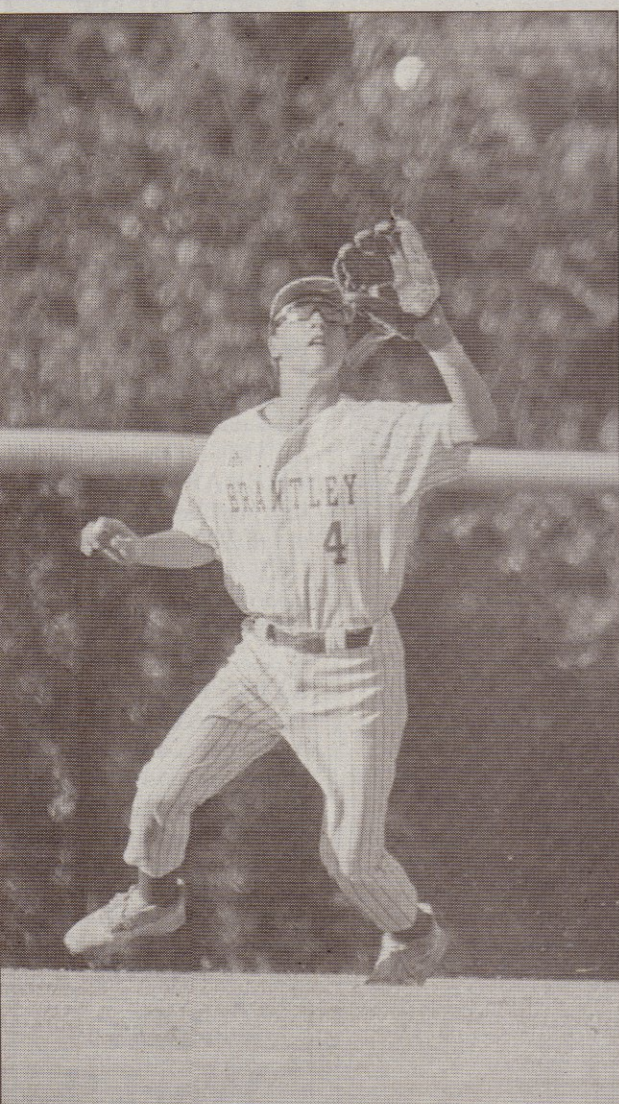
Ariton 7 Zion Chapel 1 – The Zion Chapel Lady Rebels fell behind 7-0 in the fourth inning and never recovered in a 7-1 area loss to the Ariton Lady Cats. Shea Wambles had 3 hits and 1 rbi to lead the Lady Rebels, while Kaylen McCallister added 2 hits and Kaylee Hodge added 1 hit and scored 1 run. Two Lady Rebel pitchers combined to toss seven innings and allowed seven earned runs on 11 hits and five walks.

G.W. Long 6 New Brockton 3 – The New Brockton Lady Gamecocks saw a late rally fall short in a 6-3 loss to the G.W. Long Lady Rebels. Kennedy Hussey and Cecily Ray both had 1 hit and scored 1 run to lead the Lady Gamecocks, while Madison Meeks added 1 hit.

Brantley 10 Wicksburg 6 – The Brantley Lady Bulldogs pulled ahead early and held on late to post a 10-6 road win over the Wicksburg Lady Panthers. Annah Little had 2 hits, scored 1 run and had 2 rbi's to lead the Lady Bulldogs, while AC Free added 2 hits and scored 2 runs, Campbell Hawthorne added 1 hit, scored 2 runs and had 1 rbi; and, Kayden Dunn added 1 hit and 3 rbi's. AC Free and Kaylee Navarre combined to pitch seven innings and allowed five earned runs on six hits, with nine strikeouts.

New Brockton 11 Highland Home 4 – The New Brockton Lady Gamecocks scored the game's final five runs to pull away and defeat the Highland Home Lady Squadron 11-4. Kierstin Sunday had 3 hits, scored 2 runs and had 3 rbi's to lead the Lady Gamecocks, while Kennedy Hussey added 3 hits and 1 rbi; Madison Meeks added 2 hits, scored 3 runs and had 2 rbi's; Jordyn Thornton added 2 hits, scored 2 runs and had 2 rbi's; and, Shay Hobbs added 2 hits and 2 rbi's. Kennedy Hussey and Jordyn Thornton combined to pitch seven innings and allowed four earned runs on two hits and eight walks.

Paxton 4 Kinston 3 – The Kinston Lady Bulldogs battled



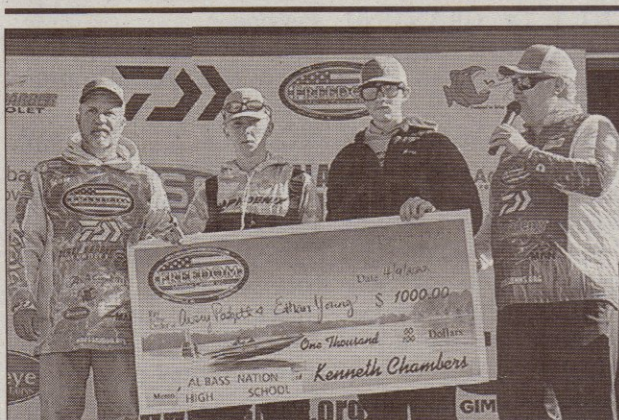
Brantley Bulldog Cooper Layton (4) keeps his eyes on a flyball in last week's playoff win over Billingsley.

(Photo by Cody Nichols)



Brantley Bulldog Harper Kilcrease picked up the win in last week's first game in the 1A playoffs.

(Photo By Cody Nichols)



Avery Padgett and Ethan Young (center) won their fourth consecutive Freedom Marine Center Contingency Award at the Alabama BASS Nation High School tournament held on Lay Lake.

Zion Chapel Bass Team members fish Lay Lake and West Point Lake in April

Yet again the Zion Chapel Bass Team fished two tournaments back-to-back.

On Saturday, April 9, two of the teams fished the last tournament on the Alabama BASS Nation High School Tiger Trail at Lay Lake, which has become a familiar tournament site after their three years of fishing as a team. Both teams caught their limit of five fish.

Team Clayton Phillips/Jackson Dowdy weighed in 9.12 pounds, and team Avery Padgett/Ethan Young weighed in 8.69 pounds.

Team Padgett/Young won the fourth consecutive Freedom Marine Center Contingency Award on the Tiger Trail collecting a total of \$4,000. They have one more chance to win \$1,000 at the state championship tournament at Lake Eufaula.

The ZCBT fished a new lake on their calendar Saturday, April 16, on the East Alabama High School Trail. They fished West Point Lake for the first time.

West Point Lake is a man-made reservoir located mostly in West-Central Georgia on the Chattahoochee River and maintained by the U S Corps of Engineers. Built in the sixties, this lake is surrounded by forests and rolling fields extending 35 miles along the

Chattahoochee River on the Alabama-Georgia state line. West Point has approximately 525 miles of shoreline, all new to the ZCBT anglers, and features a wide variety of recreation activities. Fishing is probably the most popular activity with a dozen creeks and more than 40 square miles of lake to seek out the big ones.

The ZC anglers had a rough start with a lightning delay. Even after the delay, they launched in the rain. Out of 99 boats registered, only 38 managed to weigh in.

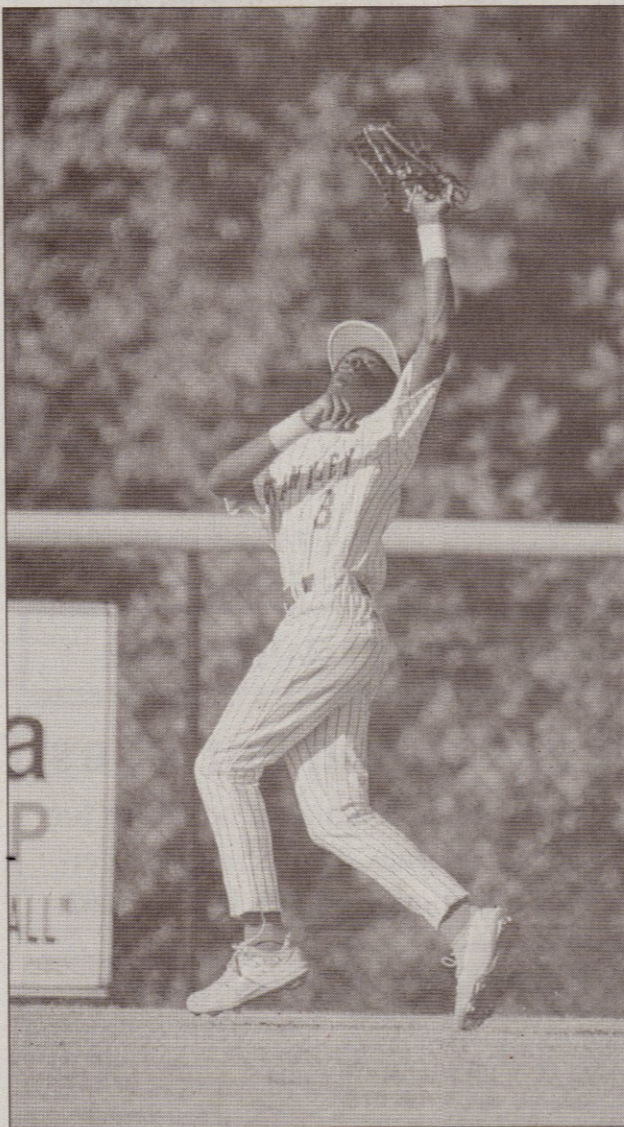
Team Padgett/Young finished in 12th place with a limit of five fish weighing 9.21 pounds. They are now sitting in seventh place in Angler of the Year points with one tournament remaining.

Team Cole McDaniel/Kevin Dowdy finished 13th with a limit of five fish weighing 9.13 pounds.

Team Clayton Phillips/Jackson Dowdy did not weigh in due to trolling motor issues. All tournament experiences are not perfect all the time.

The next tournament for the ZCBT is the last tournament on the East Alabama High School Bass Trail. It

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Brantley Bulldog Jayden Parks (3) drifts back to ter under a pop up during last week's series sweep over Billingsley.

(Photo by Cody Nichols)

for all seven innings in a hard fought 4-3 loss to Paxton, Florida. Faith Peters had 2 hits, scored 1 run and had 1 rbi to lead the Lady Bulldogs, while Cadence Elmore added 1 hit, scored 1 run and had 1 rbi, and Kelsi Cardwell added 1 hit and scored 1 run.

Brantley 9 G.W. Long 2 – The Brantley Lady Bulldogs continued to pile up the wins with a 9-2 victory over the G.W. Long Lady Rebels. Kaylee Navarre had 2 hits, scored 1 run and had 2 rbi's to lead the Lady Bulldogs, while Campbell Hawthorne added 2 hits, scored 1 run and had 1 rbi; and, Annah Little added 1 hit, scored 1 run and had 3 rbi's. Kaylee Navarre was the winning pitcher as she tossed seven innings and allowed two earned runs on seven hits, while striking out eight.

Opp 12 Zion Chapel 0 – The Zion Chapel Lady Rebels fell behind early and never threatened in a 12-0 tournament loss to the Opp Lady Bobcats. Shea Wambles and Elly Sheets both had 1 hit to lead the Lady Rebels.

Zion Chapel 8 Cottonwood 1 – The Zion Chapel Lady Rebels used a 5-run third inning to grab the lead in an 8-1 tournament win over the Cottonwood Lady Bears. Shea Wambles had 2 hits, scored 2 runs and had 2 rbi's to lead the Lady Rebels, while Riley Bannin added 2 hits, scored 1 run and had 3 rbi's; Kaylen McCallister added 2 hits; and, Sydney Boothe added 1 hit, scored 1 run and had 1 rbi. Riley Bannin was the winning pitcher as he pitched five innings and allowed no earned runs on four hits and recorded eight strikeouts.



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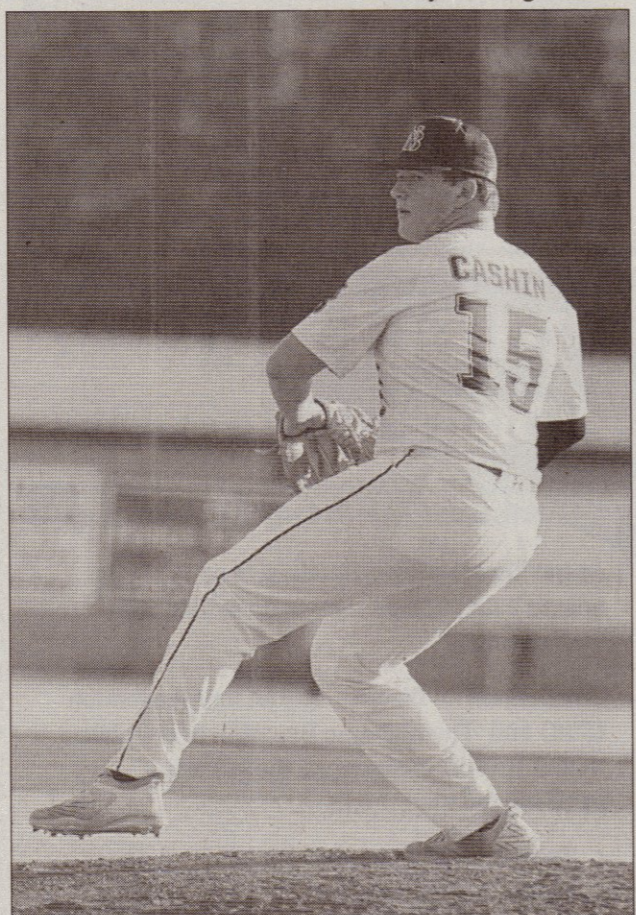
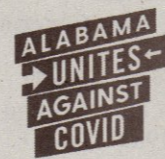
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New Brockton Gamecock Drew Cashin (15) led the Gamecocks to a series opening win in 3A playoff action last week in Thomsaville.

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IN RE: THE ESTATE OF REBECCA SUE MORROW, Deceased.

CASE NO.: PC-2022-019

NOTICE OF GRANTING OF LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION

TAKE NOTICE that Letters of Administration having been granted to Karen Davis, as Personal Representative of the Estate of Rebecca Sue Morrow, deceased, on the 30th day of January, 2022, by the Honorable Jodee Rowe Thompson, Judge of the Probate Court of Coffee County, Alabama. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred. /s/ Karen Davis Karen Davis Personal Representative of the Estate of Rebecca Sue Morrow, deceased 4/14,21&28-pd.

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA ELBA DIVISION

CASE NO: PC 2022-022

IN THE MATTER OF MARY ANN CROCKER, deceased.

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

Letters Testamentary of said deceased having been granted to the undersigned on the 5th day of April 2022 by the Honorable Jodee Thompson, Judge of the Probate Court of Coffee County, Alabama, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred. Witness my hand this the 5th day of April 2022.

/s/ DAVID JOHN CROCKER
Personal Representative
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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF LEONARD JAMES SHARP, Deceased,

MARY KATHERINE SHARP WILSON,
Petitioner.

CASE NO.: PC 2022-017

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT

Letters Testamentary on the Estate of Leonard James Sharp, deceased, having been granted to the undersigned on the 14th day of April, 2022, by the Judge of the Probate Court of said County, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

/s/ Mary Katherine Sharp Wilson
Mary Katherine Sharp Wilson
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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF TOMMY GLENN DEWBERRY, Deceased.

CASE NO.: PC-2022-023

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Letters of Administration having been granted to TOMMY KEVIN DEWBERRY as Administrator of the Estate of TOMMY GLENN DEWBERRY, deceased, on the 11th day of May, 2021, by Hon. Jodee R. Thompson, Judge of Probate for Coffee County, Alabama.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that all persons having claims against the said Estate of TOMMY GLENN DEWBERRY are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred. /s/ Jodee R. Thompson HON. JODEE R. THOMPSON
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Zion Chapel Bass Team Members - Ethan Young, Clayton Phillips, Avery Padgett, Kevin Dowdy, Jackson Dowdy, and Cole McDaniel - served as buddies for a Miracle League event Monday evening, April 18, in Troy, Ala.

ZCBT

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will be May 7th at Lake Eufaula. They invite all family and friends to join them at their tent at 2:30 for weigh-in at Lake Point State Park.

These anglers don't just fish. On Monday evening, April 18, following their

Saturday tournament, the ZCBT joined the Troy Fire Department, @ Twenty-One Club of Troy and served as buddies for a Miracle League of Troy event. They are to be commended for their selfless attitude.

GOLF

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with a team score of 392. Brantley's Tucker Kilcrease was low medalist for sectionals. He shot three under par with a 69 on the day.

In the team event, Elba was represented by Collin Sauls, Peyton McCart, Trace Grantham, Jay Wilson, and Paxton Wise. McCart was only two over par on the day shooting a 74 on the course.

Elba golfers Bradley Chapman and Carson Wise also competed in sectionals as individuals. Coach Mark Wicker said Chapman tied for fourth in this competition, but he lost in a playoff to prevent him from advancing to sub-state.

Brantley Bulldogs competing in the team other, along with low medalist Tucker Kilcrease, were Walt Johnson, Jon Bush, Cooper Layton, and Nate Barrow.

Next up, the Elba Tigers and Brantley Bulldogs will compete in the AHSAA Sub-State golf event set for Tuesday, May 3, at the Troy Country Club in Troy, Ala. The Elba and Brantley teams will be competing against teams from Orange Beach, Washington County, Altamont, Locust Fork, and Cleveland.

The top two teams at Sub-State will advance to the State competition for Class 1A/2A golf.

ALFA scholarships open for application; deadline is July 1st

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WIREGRASS ELITE WINS...The Wiregrass Elite 11U travel ball baseball team competed Saturday, April 23, in the USSA Baseball "The Battle for Troy 10U-11U" tournament. Wiregrass Elite is based out of Geneva, Ala., but two locals play on the team. Jon Simmons and Evan Hilburn, both students at Kinston, [pictured above] are members of the team. On Saturday, Wiregrass Elite went 4-0 in its games to win the 11U division. Simmons and Hilburn are pictured above showing off the 'champion rings' presented to them at the end of the event.

Elba's Beerenstrauch wins Nathan Alexander Memorial Phi Alpha Theta Scholastic Award at Troy University

Alexander Beerenstrauch of Elba, Ala., was among the Troy University students recognized for outstanding achievements in academics, leadership and service during the university's annual Honors Convocation. Beerenstrauch received the Nathan Alexander Memorial Phi Alpha Theta Scholastic Award.

The Honors Convocation was held on Monday, April 18, at the Troy Campus with Dr. Kevin Walsh, Director of In-School Education of the Greater Alabama Council of the Boy Scouts and founder of the Council's Youth Leadership Development Program, serving as keynote speaker.



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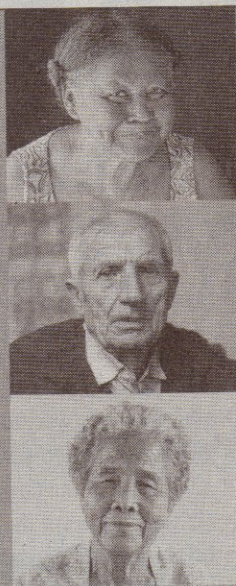
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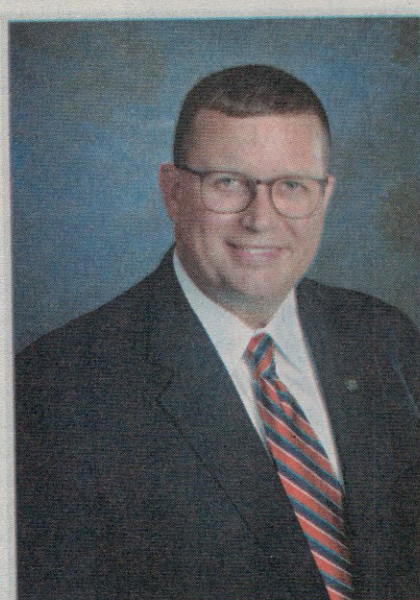
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An analysis of the voting record of Rep. Mike Jones throughout the entirety of his 12 years of service in the Alabama House of Representatives shows that he has a **100% pro-life voting record**. In addition to his voting record, Jones has also served as the sponsor for pro-life bills throughout his legislative career. Jones, who has worked closely with Eric Johnston of the Alabama Pro-Life Coalition to draft pro-life legislation, has sponsored bills to close loopholes in the minor consent law that would have allowed minors to receive abortions without the knowledge

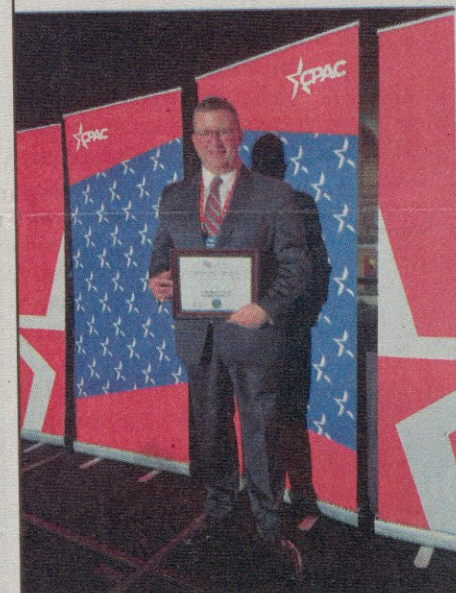


Rep. Mike Jones (R) has a 100% pro-life voting record

and consent of their parents. He also supported the heartbeat bill and voted for the Human Life Protection Act, the toughest pro-life and anti-abortion bill in the country which was passed and signed into law in Alabama in 2019.

Jones has never sponsored or voted for a pro-abortion bill in the entirety of his career. He has, however, supported a long list of pro-life bills including: HB 57 (2013), HB489, HB490 & HB494 (2014), SB 205 and SB363 (2016), and HB314 (2019).

MIKE JONES RECEIVES NATIONAL CONSERVATIVE REPUBLICAN AWARD AFTER TRUMP SPEECH



Moments after Donald Trump finished his speech at the Conservative Political Action Conference, better known as CPAC, in Orlando Saturday night, Rep. Mike Jones (R-Andalusia) was awarded the Conservative Achievement Award by the American Conservative Union Foundation. "It was an honor to be invited to CPAC," Jones said. "To receive national recognition for the work

I have done in the legislature to uphold conservative Republican values is an honor and to receive it at such a special event like CPAC made it even more special."

CPAC is an annual political conference attended by conservative activists from across the nation. For the last several years, Donald Trump has served as the keynote speaker. This year's event was held in Orlando, Florida.

The American Conservative Union is a conservative political organization that advocates for conservative policies, ranks politicians based on their level of conservatism and organizes the annual CPAC conference.

Founded in 1964, it is the oldest ongoing conservative advocacy organization in the United States.

Rep. Mike Jones is a Republican representing District 92 in the Alabama House of Representatives. He is currently seeking the Republican nomination for the District 31 seat in the Alabama State Senate which represents Coffee, Covington, Dale and Pike counties.

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LIFESTYLES

Raised bed gardening workshop set for April 29 in Elba

The Coffee County Extension office will host a raised bed gardening workshop Friday, April 29, at 1 p.m. at the Elba First United Methodist Church fellowship hall in downtown Elba.

This workshop will cover topics related to raised bed gardening including construction of raised

beds, soil amendments for raised beds, what to plant, how to plant, plant spacing, and more. Participants will then be able to practice what they learn by helping plant the Giving Garden in Elba, located behind the old Coffee County Jail in Elba.

The Giving Garden is a community garden that

promotes healthy eating by producing fresh vegetables that are donated to the Elba Food Bank, and then distributed to those in need.

Everyone is welcome to attend this meeting. Register by calling the county extension office at 334-894-5596. Let staff know if accommodations are required.

Kindergarten Registration announced for Coffee County Schools

Coffee County Schools [Kinston, New Brockton, and Zion Chapel] will conduct Kindergarten Registration on the following dates:

- Kinston – Wednesday, May 4, 8 a.m. until 3 p.m.
- New Brockton – Thursday, May 5, 8:30 a.m. until 2 p.m. (due to heavy morning/afternoon traffic)
- Zion Chapel – Friday, May 6, 8 a.m. until 3 p.m.

The child should attend registration with parent/guardian to participate in various screenings.

Children entering kindergarten must be five years old on or before September 1. A child enrolling in a Coffee County School for the first time must present the following documentation prior to enrollment.

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NEW MEMBER INITIATION...The Elba Masonic Lodge #170 added a new member, Friday April 22, during a special called meeting at 10 a.m. Brother Mason Luke Davis was initiated and welcomed to the Lodge.

County Conservation District to hold monthly meeting on May 12th

The monthly meeting of the Coffee County Conservation District will be Thursday, May 12, at the Coffee County Commission Room, 1065 E. McKinnon Street, New Brockton, Ala. The meeting will start at 10 a.m.

A limited number of people can be in the room so those who plan to attend, should call 334-894-5581 extension 3.



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Storytime and animals at the Elba Public Library

The Elba Public Library holds "Storytime for Children" each Thursday afternoon at 4 p.m. This is open to all children, and includes a story, activity, and snack.

Last Thursday, April 21, nearly 30 children attended the storytime and enjoyed a special treat...an outdoor petting zoo. The animals were brought to the library from Marley Acres Farm in Elba, owned by Carrie and Jamie Whitworth.

Delighted squeals could be heard as the children petted various animals, including rabbits, baby chicks, a tortoise, an alpaca, and goats.

Several photos are shown to the right of the youngsters enjoying the animals.





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